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FOL ARE OUR FURTHER COMMENTS ON BOGOTA SCHEDULE:

1. PLEASE KEEP LUNCHEON ON MAY 17 ENTIRELY FREE AT THIS POINT SO THAT SECTY CAN HAVE CHOICE ON ARRIVAL OF EATING ALONE IF HE WISHERS.

2. COULD YOU SHORTEN AFTERNOON SCHDULE SOMEWHAT SO AS TO COMPLETE VISIT TO GOLD MUSEUM AT SIX P. M.

3. IF VAZQUEZ DINNER COULD BE MOVED UP TO 2000 WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. THESE TRIPS ARE STRENOUS AND LATE HOURS ARE PARTICULARLY WEARING. WITH SPEECH TAKING PLACE NEXT DAY WE MAY ALSO NEEC TO WORK EVEN AFTER DINNER.

4. HOW LONG WOULD VAZQUEZ BE LIKELY TO SPEAK? CAN IT IN EFFECT BE KEPT DOWN TO EXTENDED TOAST? SINCE SECTY SPEAKING NEXT NOON IN COLOMBIA ANY RESPONSE BY HIM WILL BE SHORT ANDSEXTEMPORANEOUS, THOUGH OF COURSE APPROPRIATE. BUT COLOMBIANS SHOULD NOT PLAN ON SUBSTANTIAL SPEECH FROM
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SECTY AT DINNER.

5. AS YOU ALREADY KNOW FROM TELECON WE WOULD PREFER STAFF TIME ON MAY 18 TO BE AT RESIDENCE. WE WILL NOT WANT SECTY TO HAVE OTHER APPOINTMENTS OR TO HAVE TO MOVE FROM RESIDENCE BEFORE 1000 SO THAT WE WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME FOR ANY LAST MINUTE WORK ON SPEECH. POSSIBILITY TALK WITH EMB. STAFF WILL HAVE TO BE REPLANNED, TAKING OTHER CHANGES INTO ACCOUNT AND FINAL DECISIONS MADE AFTER ARRIVAL.

6. WE SOULD LIKE NON- GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS MEETING TO TAKE PLACE IN RESIDENCE AS THIS WILL SAVE SECTY ONE MORE TRANSIT PROBLEM. PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH SUGGESTED COMPOSITION.

7. ASSUME WREATH LAYING AND VISIT TYPE OF SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTPONED TO AFTERNOON NOW THAT SECTY SPEAKING IN BOGOTA. WE WOULD PREFER SOMETHING OTHER THAN WREATH LAYING. WE WILL HAVE LAID WREATH TO BOLIVAR IN VENEZUELA AND HAD LUNCHEON AT CASA BOLIVAR. ALSO WILL HAVE LAID WREATH IN PERU. AND WILL BE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT BY THAT TIME. WE GATHER POSSIBILITES ARE NOT GREAT BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER THOUGHT YOU CAN GIVE TO SOME PLACE WHERE GOVT IS PROUD OF CURRENT ACCOMPLISHMENT AND WHERE SECTY' S VISIT WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED BY PUBLIC. PLEASE ALSO LET US KNOW WHETHER THERE IS SPECIAL ESHIBIT OR PUBLIC INTEREST IN BI NATIONAL CENTER THAT WOULD MAKE THAT VISIT ESPECIALLY DESIRABLE.

8. WE UNDERSTAND MEETING WITH ECONOMIC MINISTERS WILL NOW BE IN MORNING AND PRESUME NET RESULT WILL BE TO REDUCE TIME AVAILABLE TO ABOUT AN HOUR, WHICH SEEMS AMPLE TO US.

9. WITH APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVES TO MEET CHANGES IN SECTY' S SCHEDULE, CASEY PROGRAM IS APPROVED. AS SECY IS SPEAKING IN BOGOTA, CASEY WILL NOT.

10. MRS. ROGERS SCHEDULE APPROVED (WITH APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS).

11. RE URTEL 3742. THE SECRETARY MY ANNOUNCE IN BOGOTA THAT THE U. S. IS PREPARED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS AT GOC CONVENIENCE WITHIN A MONTH OF THE TERMINATION OF THE JOINT
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TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION. BUT WE THINK IT WOULD PROBABLY BE INADVISABLE TO ANTICIPATE THE OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS TIKME. ROGERS

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